

WALNUT CREEK

PLANNING The Walnut Creek BART Station is currently the subject of an ongoing Comprehensive Station Plan (CSP) scheduled for completion in June of 2004. As part of this study, BART staff has worked together with consultants to identify capacity needs at the station. In addition, BART and City staff are working together to identify access issues affecting the station and strategies for improving access for all modes. Finally, city staff is providing input on a land use vision for the BART station area.

DEVELOPMENT In 2000, BART's Board of Directors authorized initiation of exclusive negotiations with Transit Village Associates to create a mixed-use development including apartments, retail, a BART Zone Command Police Facility, and office space. The Transit Village Associates project includes development of 440 apartments, 33,000 square feet of retail, 8,700 square feet of office space, and 1,373 parking spaces. In May and June of 2002, the developer made presentations to the City of Walnut Creek's Planning Commission and City Council. In December 2002, the BART Board approved an Option Agreement for a long-term ground lease. The next steps will include formal approval from the City and environmental clearance.

ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS Vallejo Transit and Fairfield-Suisun Transit have received funding through MTC's Regional Express Bus Program to increase their I-680 service from Solano County to the Walnut Creek BART station.

The City of Walnut Creek, in collaboration with BART, is planning pedestrian improvements on California Avenue and Main Street to provide better links between downtown Walnut Creek and the BART station.

BART continues to support electric vehicle use at the Walnut Creek BART station, where two parking spaces are reserved for such vehicles. No permit is required to use these spaces, although non-electric vehicles are subject to towing. The current number of spaces appears to meet customer demand.

This station has had new, ADA-compliant platform edge tiles installed. In addition, 58 new bike racks/lockers were installed.

REINVESTMENT This station is having new, energy efficient lighting fixtures and lamps installed throughout the surface parking lot, the parking garage, and within the station itself in 2005. This station is also scheduled to have the platform canopies re-roofed and the parking lot re-paved in 2005. These projects are all part of ongoing station renovation activities.

CAPACITY IMPROVEMENTS As part of the Station Capacity Study the Walnut Creek Station was analyzed as an "Aerial Side" platform station prototype. The station was examined with an eye towards defined Safety Criteria and Passenger Service Criteria. These criteria were then used to analyze the critical areas of platform capacity, vertical circulation (stairs/escalators) capacity, and faregate capacity. Specific proposals for capacity increasing

projects will be made as part of the Walnut Creek Station Comprehensive Plan.